

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14, amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herein and dated March 10, 2005, with the following rewritten paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

One particular embodiment of the invention is illustrated below with reference to a plurality of diagrammatic, non-limiting drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows a blocking apparatus for hot gases optionally laden with fine solid particles,

Fig. 2 shows an apparatus for mounting a sealing element for use in a blocking apparatus for hot gases optionally laden with solid particles,

Fig. 3a shows an elevational cross section of a closure body having a device for actuating the closure body,

Fig. 3b is a section A-A on Fig. 3a;

Fig. 4a shows a further preferred embodiment of a blocking apparatus,

Fig. 4b shows the closure body thereof,

Fig. 5 shows the bearing and sealing of the apparatus for actuating the closure body.